Officer, has been given accreditation; and

(b) if so, since when and which Journal he is representing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Shri Pratap Kapur, who at the time of his retirement from Government service worked as Director in the Directorate of Field Publicity and who for some time during his service career worked as Deputy Principal Information Officer in Press Information Bureau, has been granted press accreditation at the Headquarters of the Government of India on behalf of Free Press Journal, Bombay since the 28th April, 1984.

Screening of Film Based on Nehrus Philosophy

2004. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to page 28 of the Report of the Ministry for the year 1983-84 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for which the feature film based on Nehru's philosophy entitled 'Bitter Autumn with a Scent of Mango' co-produced by Doordarshan and film studio Barendev, Prague (Czechoslovakia) and Play Film Production Geneva (Switzerland) could not be screened in India on the 27th May, 1984; and

(b) by when the said film is likely to be screened in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Initially, it was proposed to screen the English version of the film "Bitter Autumn with a Scent of Mango" on 27th May, 1984. However, due to non-completion of some technical jobs on the film, it could not be screened on that date. The film will be screened after necessary technical improvements are carried out.

STD Facilities between district Headquarters of Kerala and Gulf Countries

2005. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any district headquarters in Kerala which is connected by STD to any of the gulf countries;

(b) if so, what is the name of such district headquarter; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to provide such facility to some of the district headquarters in Kerala in view of the large number of Keralites working in the gulf countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above—NIL.

(c) At present the International STD facility is available only from 4 Metropolitan Cities viz., Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. The service is available for UK, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and France. Extension of the International STD to other countries (including gulf countries) and from other cities in India (including those in Kerala) is under consideration of the P&T Directorate, TRC and D. G. O. C. S. There are a number of technical problems involved in extending the facility. After finding a satisfactory solution to these technical problems, International STD will gradually be extended from more and more number of cities in India to more and more countries abroad.